

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed on August 20, 2008 (hereinafter, the “Office Action”), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 1 – 42 are pending in the application.

Claims 17, 29, and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims (see page 19 of the Office Action).

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations of claim 17, and intervening claims 13 and 15.

Claim 19 has been amended to include limitations of claim 29, and intervening claims 27 and 28.

Claim 31 has been amended to include limitations of claim 41, and intervening claims 39 and 40.

Claims 13, 15, and 17 have been cancelled; claims 27, 28, and 29 have been cancelled; and claims 39, 40 and 41 have been cancelled.

Claims 14, 16, 30, and 42 have been amended.

It is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845.

Respectfully submitted,

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